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Mr. Richard H. Gaskins
Chief, Space Management Division
Public Buildings Service, Region 3
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20407

Dear Mr. Gaskins:

Your letter of 23 September 1967 indicating the Public Buildings Service's proposed relocation of our warehouse facility to Middle River, Maryland, is being given consideration by the appropriate officials of the Agency. We expect that we will be prepared to discuss all aspects of this proposal in the near future.

We feel under obligation at this time, however, to inform you that, based on the contents of your letter, there appears to be a lack of full understanding as to the total purposes served for this Agency by our use of [REDACTED]

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While it is true, as you state, that this activity is supporting customers throughout the world, this is far from a complete and accurate description of the total usage of this facility. This Agency has made a considerable investment in the facility in order to configure and equip it properly to serve as the central point of storage, testing and rehabilitation of certain items of technical equipment that we use in considerable magnitude. It is likewise used as the facility through which we draw logistical support for our somewhat large and dispersed Headquarters facility in the Metropolitan Washington area. We note your observation that in connection with facilities used to support customers throughout the world we would not incur a significant increase in transportation costs if we relocated to Middle River. Unfortunately the fact of the matter is we would inherit additional costs, both in time and money, because of existing patterns of transportation used to move material from this facility to overseas destinations.

We note your invitation to us to inspect the property at Middle River, Maryland. At an appropriate time we will avail ourselves of this opportunity. We believe it of equal importance that you visit and, during that visit, you receive a

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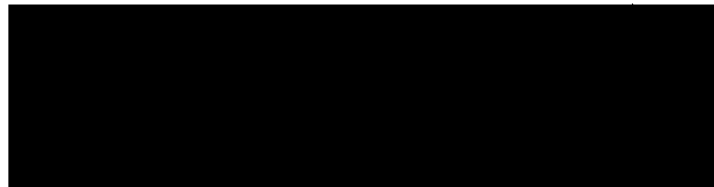
Mr. Richard H. Gaskins, Chief, Space Management Division, PMS, Region 3, CMA

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full and complete briefing of our facility at [REDACTED]. Many of the matters discussed above can and will be explained to you at that time in much greater detail. I stand ready at your convenience to arrange for your visit and briefing, and I await your telephone call in response to the invitation.

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Sincerely,



Chief,

Real Estate and Construction Division

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